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1. The attached sketch and description of installations at the Elstal Airfield are sent to you for retention.

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4. Ammunition dumps for regiments of the Avio-Technical Bns store only the ammunition required for current training purposes. Battle ammunition for large caliber aviation machine guns and small caliber aviation cannon and also 50kg and 100kg bombs are stored only in quantities sufficient for supporting regimental training requirements.

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Key to Attachment:

1. HQ 200 G/A Aviation Division. Two-story building, about 30 meters long.
2. HQ 664th G/A Aviation Regiment. Two-story building, about 30 meters long.
3. Four barracks buildings of the 664th Regt. Two-story building, about 30 meters long.
4. Two-story building. First floor: living quarters for personnel of the 664th Regt. Second floor: offices of one of the Squadrons.
5. Two barracks buildings for personnel of the 664th Regt.
6. Postal and telegraph section of the garrison.
7. Garrison hospital. Three-story building, about 30 meters long.
8. Garrison officers' club, complete with library and cinema. One-story building, about 20 x 30 meters.
9. Two food warehouses of the 460th Avio-Technical Battalion. One is a two-story building, the other a one-story shed-like structure about 10 meters in length.
10. Two buildings used as "officers' hotel". Two stories high, about 30 meters long.
11. Garden.
12. Area formerly occupied by German camp, wooden barracks buildings in ruins.
13. Billeting and building maintenance officer, (KECH). Two-story building. Central heating plant for the principal buildings in this location is located in the basement.
14. Kech equipment warehouse. Two-story building. First floor occupied by work shops.
15. Two-story building, about 30 meters long. First floor: Guardhouse for Guard Detail No. 1. Second Floor: living quarters for the Communications Company.
16. Garden.
17. Garrison mess hall for flight personnel. Separate rooms for each Aviation Regiment. Kitchens in basement. Employees' quarters on 2nd floor.
18. Garrison PX.
19. Mess hall for officers of the Division HQ staff.
20. Offices of the 10th PARM.

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1. The military area of the Elstal Air Base lies south of the city of Elstal and approximately 12 kilometers from the city. The following Military units are located at the air base:

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HQ 200 G/A Aviation Division.

664th G/A Aviation Regiment of the above Division.

830th G/A Aviation Regiment of the above Division.

460th Avio-Technical Battalion, servicing 664th Regt above.

459th Avio-Technical Battalion, servicing 830th Regt above.

10th PARM ( Polevaya Aviatzionnaya Remontnaya Masterskaya).  
(Field Aviation Repair Shop) attached to above Division, for  
aircraft maintenance.

4th PARM of the 24th Air Army, attached to 6th Fighter Corps  
(old designation) for maintenance of Corps aircraft.

2. The airfield has no cement runways. In front of the hangar area there are cement aprons 100 meters wide and there are 50 meter wide aprons in front of the maintenance shop area on the northern edge of the field.
3. The fuel and lubricants storage dumps for the 459th and 460th Avio-Technical Bns consist of metal cisterns with fifteen tons, three and five ton capacities. Some of these dumps are built underground. Each dump is said to maintain a reserve of 200 tons of fuel, but the total capacity for each is considerably higher. The dumps are surrounded by wire fence and a sentry maintains guard at the entrance.

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21. First floor: hotel for PARM NCO's and men. Second floor: living quarters for personnel of the 10th PARM. 25X1A
22. Living quarters for personnel of the 4th PARM.
23. HQ 664th G/A Aviation Regt. (Sic: See 2, above)
24. KECH work-shops,
25. Barber shop. One-story building, 10 meters long.
26. Two 2-story buildings used as classrooms for aerial gunnery.
27. Old German bunker, about 5 meters high, not in use.
28. MGB Otdel (Counterintelligence) of the 200 G/A Aviation Division. Two-story building, about 20 meters long. No fence. At the entrance a sentry is on duty at all times.
29. Garrison stadium, about 100 meters long.
30. Four houses, two-stories in height, about 20 meters in length, used as quarters for officers of the Air Base.
31. Old German underground bunker, not in use.
32. Garrison NCO and EM club, equipped with library, cinema and bar.
33. Three houses, two-stories in height, about 20 meters in length, used as officers quarters.
34. Six houses, two-stories high, about 30 meters long, used as officers quarters.
35. Officers and Sergeants quarters. Building about 30 meters long.
36. Same.
37. Two-story building, occupied by PX services, specifically: sales-store for NCOs and EM, sales store for senior and general officers, tailor shop and shoe repair shop.
38. Mess Hall for the 460th Avio-Technical Bn partitioned into officers and EM sections. Height: 1 floor. Length: 40 meters.
39. Two-story building, about 10 (sic) meters long: mess hall for the 459th Avio-Technical Bn, with separate rooms for officers and EM.
40. Garrison Dispensary and clinic. Floors: 1. Length: 30 meters.
41. Automobile garage of the 10th PARM. Floors: 1. Length: 40 meters.
42. Same.
43. Gasoline and oil service station for automobiles.
44. Automobile park ( or garage ) of the 10th PARM.
45. Same.

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46. Technical warehouse of the 459th Avio-Technical Bn in which are stored the so-called "untouchable reserve" (Nenrikosnovennyi Zapas) (H3)†
47. Garrison baths. (48 and 49 below, all in same building). Floors: 2. Length: up to 100 meters.
48. Technical warehouse of the 460th Avio-Technical Bn.
49. Ration stores warehouse of the 459th Avio-Technical Bn.
50. Former German radio-locator tower, (Possibly radar tower). Not in use.
51. Destroyed building. Former German mess hall.
52. Destroyed building. Former German restaurant.
- Area of the Garrison occupied by the Avio-Technical Bns:
53. Gates to the Avio-Technical Bns area. Guard rail and sentry.
54. Work-shops of the 460th Avio-Technical Bn. Floors: 3. Length: about 20 meters.
55. First floor: Mess hall for the 459th Avio-Technical Bn with separate rooms for officers and men. Second floor: club rooms, library and cinema for men and NCO's.
56. Former German underground bunker. Not in use.
57. Drill and parade square.
58. HQ offices of the 460th Avio-Technical Bn. Building Height: 3 floors.
59. Three-story building. First and second floors: quarters for personnel of the 460th Avio-Technical Bn. Third floor: club for same.
60. Three-story building. Length: about 20 meters. Used as hotel for officers of the 459th Avio-Technical Bn.
61. Three-story building. Length: about 40 meters. First and third floors: living quarters for personnel of the 459th Avio-Technical Bn. Second floor: HQ of the 459th Avio-Technical Bn. Attic: clothing stores.
62. Three-story building. Length: about 40 meters. Used as hotel for officers of the 460th Avio-Technical Bn.
63. Three buildings used as quarters for officers of the 459th and 460th Avio-Technical Bns.
64. Water basin. Not in use.
65. Clothing stores warehouse of the 460th Avio-Technical Bn.
- 65a. Auto park.
66. Six buildings, garages of the 460th Avio-Technical Bn.

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67. Work-shops of the 460th Avio-Technical Bn.
68. Garages of the 459th Avio-Technical Bn. 25X1A
69. Work-shops of the 10th PARM. 
70. Two buildings, shed-like construction, used as stables.
71. Three buildings used as work-shops of the 4th PARM. Two of these are 40 meters, and one is 50 meters in length. As indicated on plan, two are enclosed by wire-mesh fence.
72. One-story wooden building, about 10 meters long. Technical store-room for tools and spare parts of the 4th PARM work-shops.
73. Two groups of standard houses used as quarters for garrison officers. Each house is 2 floors in height, and about 30 meters long.
74. Group of houses used as garrison officers quarters.
75. Territory of the city of Elstal.
76. City and garrison stadium, about 150 meters long.

Airfield Area:

77. Airfield.
78. This marks the highest rise in the field elevation.
79. Observation tower of the G/A Division Commander. (Most likely, the control tower). Located in this building are also the following: radio station, weather station, photographic laboratory and guardhouse for Guard Detail No. 2. Building is of pyramid-like design of 3 floors. Length: about 30 meters.
80. Two large hangars of the 664th G/A Regiment. Situated on a rise in elevation these are conspicuous, particularly from the West.
81. Two large hangars of the 830th G/A Regiment. Space between hangars is tree-covered.
82. Stone building, about 50 meters long. This part is used as a hangar.
83. Same building, but this part is used as a work-shop of one of the regiments.
84. Hangar used by aircraft of Division HQ.
85. Workshops of Division HQ.
86. Workshops of the 10th PARM.
87. Fuel and lubricants storage of the 460th Avio-Technical Bn.
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89. Dump heap of wrecked German planes.
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91. Ammunition dump of the Regiments and the Avio-Technical Battalions. The location of the dump as indicated on the attached plan is only approximate. The area is tree-covered, and protected on its perimeter by barbed wire fence, and sentry at the entrance.

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92. Area belonging to the German settlement of Priort.

93. Area adjoining the airfield on the south and east is a military training ground for ground and armored force troops, and is utilized for ground attack training of aircraft versus tanks.

94. Fences protecting the military area.

Tank Troops Garrison:

Most of the data indicated below was observed from the adjoining Air Base. Thus the location and description of features in this area should be judged in this light and should not be considered accurate in all instances.

95. Garages, 13 buildings, each about 50 meters long.

96. Two buildings, living quarters for tank troops. Each is 2 floors in height, and about 30 meters long.

97. Main gates to the Tank Garrison, and the offices of the Post Commandant and Duty Officer.

98. Living quarters for tank troops.

99. Gasoline pumps.

100. HQ of the Tank Division.

101. Gates to the northern part of the Tank Garrison.

102. Living quarters for tank troops. Disposition of barracks not established.

103. Garden and snack bar.

104. Hotel. Height: 2 floors. Length: about 30 meters.

105. PX and restaurant. Height: 2 floors. Length: about 40 meters.

106. Two buildings, electric transformer station.

107. PX barber shop.

108. Officers quarters.

109. This area occupied by Infantry officers and WCO school. Occupied by a provisional regiment of officers undergoing training, and the permanent training and administrative staffs.

110. This area is occupied by a second Tank Garrison about which no information is established.

111. Living quarters for tank troops. Disposition of buildings as shown on attached plan is only approximate.

112. Gates with guard rail and sentry.

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- 113. Automobile, garages.
- 114. Officers quarters of the Tank Garrison.
- 115. Dismantled buildings. In the center is a building used for offices. The yard is used as a coal dump.
- 116. Ammunition dump for the Tank Garrison. The number and disposition of buildings in this area is not established. This area is protected by barbed wire fence on east side and wooden fence, 1 1/2 meters in height, on the other three sides. A sentry is posted at the entrance.
- 117. Sports area.
- 118. Storage buildings for sports equipment.
- 119. Officers club for the Tank Garrison. It is also a BOQ and is equipped with restaurant, cinema, library, School rooms of the Political Affairs Section of the Tank Division are also there.
- 120. This area is occupied by a large number of buildings for personnel of the tank garrison. Their disposition and number is not established.
- 121. Road to the training grounds.

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Comment:

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ENCL: Diagram of area concerned in report. (Air Base at Elstal)

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Map Attachment

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